

United States Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets, NW
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District of Columbia

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

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| STATE District of Columbia | | COUNTY | TOWN OR VICINITY Washington |
| HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) United States Department of the Interior | | | HABS NO. DC-410 |
| SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE | | | |
| COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 18th and C Streets, NW | | | |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) completed 1937 | | ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Waddy Wood | |
| SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) One of Washington's major governmental buildings, it was designed by one of the city's most noted architects, Waddy Wood. Interesting example of the blending of traditional Classical motifs with Modern stylistic concepts. | | | |
| STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) | | | |
| MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Faced with stone | | | |
| SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular central block with 6 alternating wings on east and west sides, thus creating a series of open courtyards; 8 stories | | | |
| EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Monumental pilasters with simple Doric capitals; loggias above entrances on north and south facades; attic story frieze decorated by seals of the original 13 colonies | | | |
| INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) In addition to offices, major interior spaces include: cafeteria, auditorium (conference hall), and library; throughout the interior are murals, paintings, and other decoration designed to reflect the agency's interest in the social, cultural & natural resources of America | | | |
| MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES | | | |
| PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition good; use unchanged | | | |
| OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE | | | |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Federal Writer's Project. <u>Washington: City and Capital</u> . American Guide Series, Washington D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1937. | | | |
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